



# Layers and Layers

Layers allow you to keep all the elements separate, independent of each other, so you can “play” with them without affecting the others.

## Hide and unhide

Click on the circle on the right of a layer to hide an element from the view or make it reappear. Remember that the element is still there. It is just invisible.

## Move

Using the **Move** tool, you can move the elements on your project.

## Reorder

If you want some elements to appear above or below another one, simply click on its layer, and drag it up or down to the “level” you want. Make sure that you move them **BETWEEN** layers and not **ON** other layers or it will apply other effects, like clipping.

## Duplicate

If you want a copy (or more than one) of an element, activate the layer, right-click and select **Duplicate**.



## Resize

The **Move** tool will add nodes around your elements, allowing you to resize them. Make sure you are using a CORNER handle or it will NOT maintain the proportions.

## Rotate

Using the handle attached to the top node, you can rotate the element however you want.

## Click and drag

While you have both images visible on your workspace, activate the SOURCE image. Click on the layer you want to move, and drag it on top of the DESTINATION image. Let go where you want to “drop” it. Click on the top of the source image to repeat the process. Notice that all the elements will be piled in the very center, by default.

Another interesting way you can copy and paste multiple layers is by selecting them all, copying them (Ctrl-C) and pasting them (Ctrl-V) on the destination image. Yes, you can do that, and it might be even faster than going one by one!

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